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"And gladdening all o'er whom it turned."

Sunbeams

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Golden Land.

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Prelude.

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So let a sevenfold blessing rest upon
All that shall fill these pages. Give me thoughts
But quicken them with power; give me words
But wing them with Thy love; give music too.
But let it ring all beautiful and sweet
With holiness; yea, give to me, if such
Thy holy will, far better and far more
Than heretofore, but only add this gift,
Without which all were worthless and in vain,
Thy blessing. So the glory and the praise
Shall all be Thine for evermore. Amen.

Golden Land.

FAR from home alone I wander
Over mountain and pathless wave,
But the fair land that shineth yonder
Claimeth the love that erst it gave.
Golden Land, so far, so nearing!
Land of those who wait for me!
Ever brighter the vision cheering,
Golden Land, I haste to thee!

On my path a golden sunlight
Softly falls where'er I roam,
And I know it is the one light
Both of exile and of home.
Golden Land, so far, so near.
On my heart engraven clear,
Though I wander from strand to strand,
Dwells my heart in that Golden Land.

Voices of the Dawn.

WHAT are the whispering voices
That wake at early dawn?
Do they come from the orient portals
Of the palace of the morn?
They tell of a Golden City
With pearl and jasper bright,
And of shining forms that beckon
From the pure and dazzling light.

Then a rush of far-off harpings
Blends with the voices clear,
And I know that night is passing,
And I know that the day is near!
I hear you, I hear you,
Sweet voices of the dawn!
Come to me, come!
In the early, early morn.

His peace be thine, His Love unknown;
His own deep Joy, His Strength and Power,
His grace abounding, be thine own!

Only for One.

I HAVE a smile my friends to greet
Hearty and pleasant for all I meet,
Hidden from none;
But I have a smile that they do not know
Lit by a deeper, tenderer glow,
And I keep it bright in my heart below
Only for one!

I have a song for every ear
Leaving an echo to soothe and cheer
When it is done;
But I have a music of truer beat
Not to be poured at the great world's feet,
Richer and softer and far more sweet,
Only for one!

I have a love for all who care
Aught of its warmth to claim, or share,
Free as the sun;
But I have a love which I do not hint,
Gold that is stamped with my soul's imprint,
A wealth of love, both mine and mint
Only for one!

I am with Thee.

"I AM with thee!" He hath said it
In His truth and tender grace;
Sealed the promise, grandly spoken,
With how many a mighty token
Of His love and faithfulness.

He is with thee! — With thee always,
All the nights and all the days;
Never failing, never frowning,
With His loving kindness crowning,
Tuning all thy life to praise.

He is with thee! — Thine own Master,
Leading, loving to the end;
Brightening joy and lightening sorrow,
All to-day, yet *more* to-morrow,
King and Saviour, Lord and Friend.

He is with thee! — Yes, forever,
Now, and through eternity;
Then with Him forever dwelling,
Thou shalt share His joys excelling,
Thou with Christ, and Christ with thee!

Daily Strength.

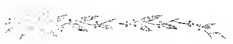
"AS thy day thy strength shall be."
This should be enough for me.
He who knows thy frame will spare
Burdens more than thou canst bear.

When thy days are veiled in night,
Christ shall give thee heavenly light;
Seem they wearisome and long,
Yet in Him thou shalt be strong.

Cold and wintry though they prove,
Thine the sunshine of His love;
Or, with fervid heat oppressed,
In His shadow thou shalt rest.

When thy days on earth are past,
Christ shall call thee home at last,
His redeeming love to praise,
Who hath strengthened all thy days.

No life can be dreary
  When work is delight;
Though evening be weary
  Rest cometh at night;
And all will be cheery
  If faithful and right.



Starlight through the Shadows.

HE knows!
Yes, Jesus knows just what you cannot tell,
He understands so well!
The silence of the heart is heard;
He does not need a single word;
He thinks of you;
He watcheth and He careth too.
He pitieth, He loveth! All this flows
In one sweet word, "He knows!"

"THROUGH THE WATERS."

"When thou passest through the waters,
I will be with thee!"
Sure and sweet and all-sufficient
Shall His presence be.
All God's billows overflowed Him
In the great atoning day:
Now He only leads thee through them —
With thee all the way.

Thank God! there is at eventide a gleam of ruby light,
A ray of love amid the gloom of sorrow's lingering night.

Enough.

I AM so weak, dear [illegible]
One moment [illegible]
But oh! the tender[illegible]
And oh! the faithfulness [illegible],
And oh! the strength of [illegible]
That strength is enough [illegible]

I am so needy, Lord, and you [illegible]
All fullness dwells in Thee.
And hour by hour that never [illegible]
Supplies and fills, in overflowing measure
My least, my greatest needs: and so
Thy grace is enough for me!

It is so sweet to trust Thy word alone
I do not ask to see
The unveiling of Thy purpose, or the shining
Of future light on mysteries untwining
Thy promise-roll is all my own, —
Thy word is enough for me!

The human heart asks love: but never knew
That my heart hath from Thee
All real, and full, and marvelous [illegible]
So near, so human; yet divine [illegible]
Thrills gloriously the mighty [illegible]
Thy love is enough for me!

The Moon.

"The moon walking in brightness."—Job xxxi: 26.

NOT long ago the moon was dark,
No light she gave or gained;
She did not look upon the sun,
So all her glory waned.
Now through the sky, so broad and high,
In robe of shining whiteness,
Among the solemn stars of God,
She walks in brightness.

Look up to Him who is the Sun,
The true and Only Light,
And seek the glory of His face,
His smile so dear and bright.
Then making gladness all around,
By gentleness and rightness,
You, too, shall shine with light divine,
And walk in brightness.

For infinite outpourings of Jehovah's love and grace,
And infinite unveilings of the brightness of His face,
And infinite unfoldings of the splendor of His will,
Meet the mightiest expansions of the finite spirit still.

Trust.

SADLY bend the flowers
In the heavy rain;
After beating showers,
Sunbeams come again.

Little birds are silent
All the dark night through;
When the morning dawneth,
Their songs are sweet and new.

When a sudden sorrow
Comes like cloud and night,
Wait for God's to-morrow;
All will then be bright.

Only wait and trust Him
Just a little while;
After evening tear-drops
Shall come the morning smile.

Only trust the living Saviour, only trust Him all the way,
And your springtide path shall brighten to the perfect summer day!

Loving Messages.

"And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning."—Job xi: 17.

FEAR not the westering shadows,
O children of the day!
For brighter still and brighter
Shall be your homeward way.
Resplendent as the morning,
With fuller glow and power,
And clearer than the noonday,
Shall be your sunset hour.

"Lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called."—1 Tim. vi: 12.

A life is before thee which cannot decay,
A glimpse and an echo are given to-day
Of glory and music not far away.
Take the bliss that is offered thee,
And thou shalt be
Safe and blest for aye.

All His work He shall fulfill,
All the good pleasure of His will,
Keeping thee in *all* thy ways.
And with thee always, "*all* the days,"
And to-day!

Loyal Responses.

"Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight." Matt. xi: 26.

AND if it seemeth good to Thee, my Father,
Shall it seem aught but good to me?
Thy will be done! Thou knowest I would rather
Leave all with Thee.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead!
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.

Let me then be always growing,
Never, never standing still;
Listening, learning, better knowing
Thee and Thy most blessed will.
Till I reach Thy holy place,
Daily let me grow in grace.

True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!
Under Thy standard, exalted and royal,
Strong in Thy strength, we will battle for Thee!

HASTEN Thy kingdom come, we pray Thee,
Let the world in Thee find rest;
Let all know Thee, and obey Thee,
Loving, praising, blessing, blessed!

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